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**RESEARCH ON THE USE OF BUTANOL-GAS OIL BLENDS IN
HEATING BOILERS**

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1. Objectives



Determine the effect on the burner and boiler performance of blending butanol (5%, 10% and 20% v/v) with commercial heating fuel.

The experimental work include four issues:

- Spray shape
- Thermographic analysis of the flame structure.
- Boiler performance
- Pollutant emissions

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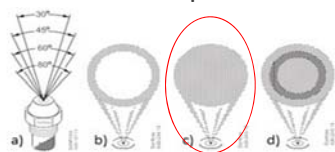
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2. Spray shape analysis

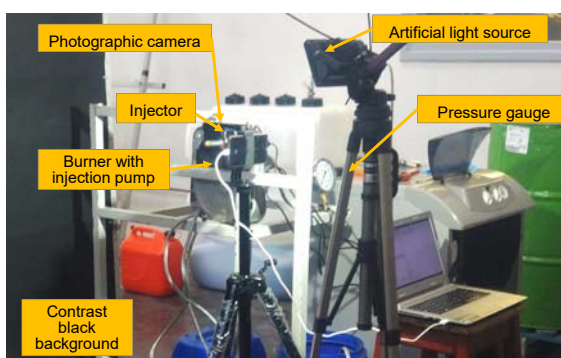


Experimental setup



Danfoss boiler sprayers:

- a) Available angles
- b) H type (hole)
- c) S type (solid)
- d) B type (semisolid)



Tests of spray distribution:



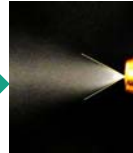
- 3 boiler sprayers S type: 45°, 60° and 80°
- 3 injection pressure levels: 8, 10 and 12 bar

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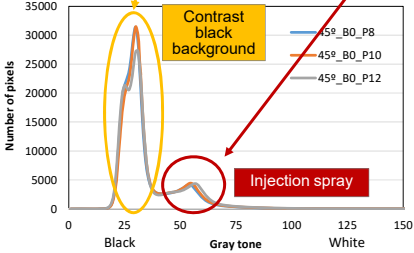
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- Data processing

Visual image processing
Fiji Image J
300 photo / case

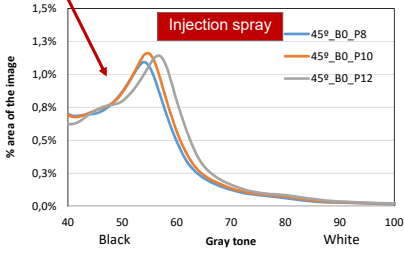


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45°_B0_P8
45°_B0_P10
45°_B0_P12



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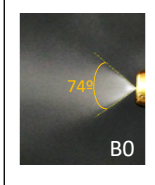
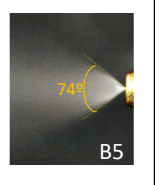
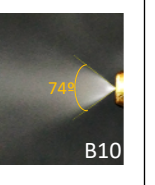
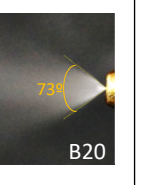
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2. Spray shape analysis WORKSHOP

- Results

60° injector
10 bar

Jet Angle
NO CHANGE

↑ % Butanol → ↓ light tones → ↑ evaporation

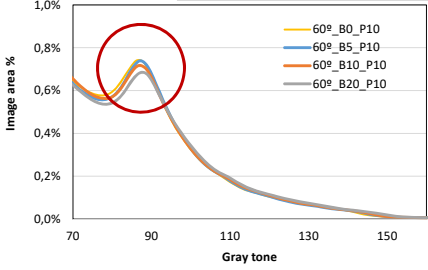


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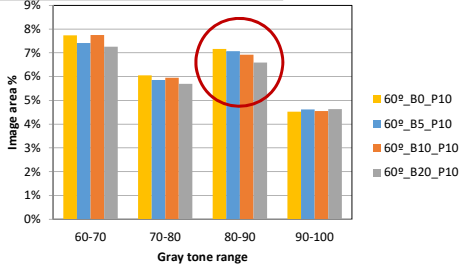


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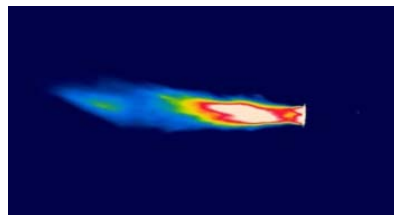
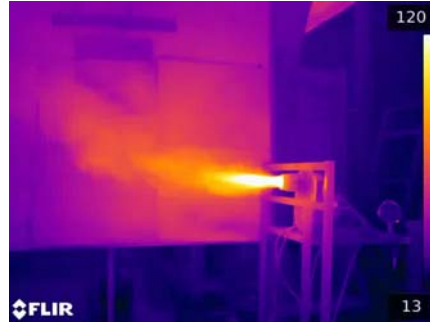
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3. Thermographic analysis of the flame



Experimental setup



60° sprayer
8, 10 and 12 bar
5 images/case

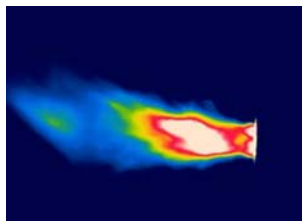
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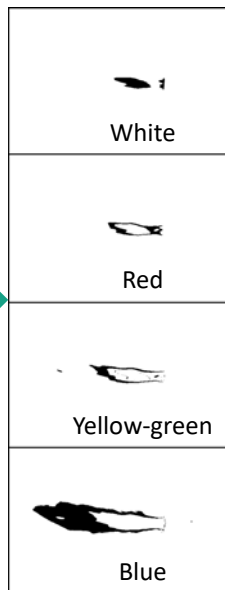
3. Thermographic analysis of the flame



Data processing



Flir T1020 Thermographic camera



Visual image processing



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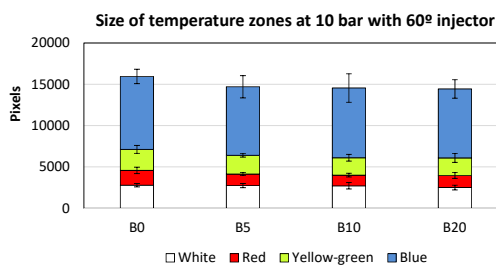
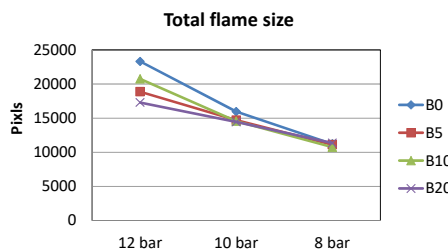
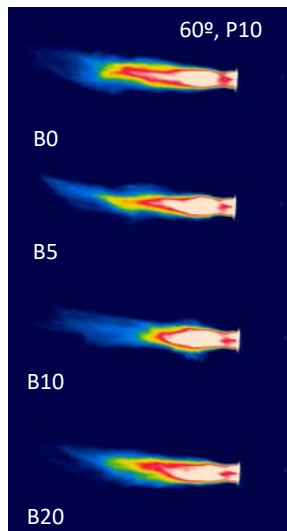
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3. Thermographic analysis of the flame



Results



↑ % Butanol → ↓ flame size

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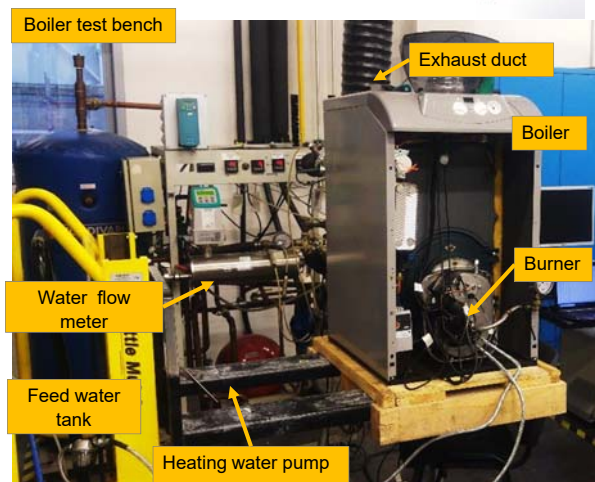
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4. Boiler performance



Experimental setup

Atlas 30 unit



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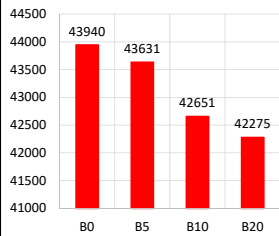
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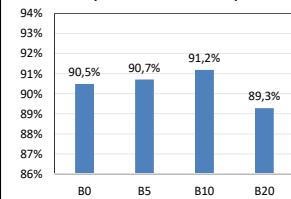


Results

Lower heating Value (kJ/kg)

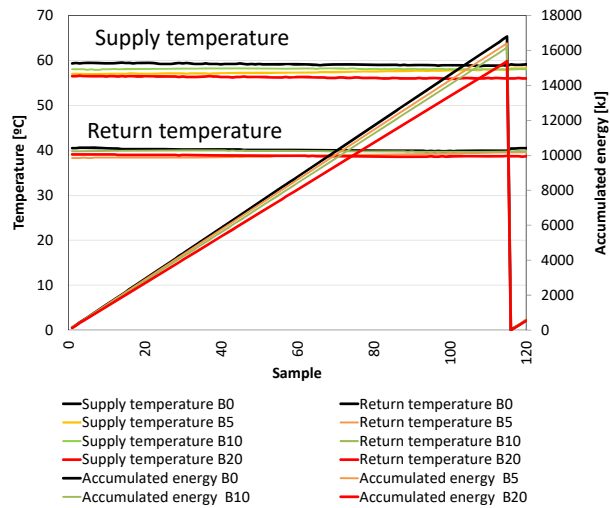


Boiler performance at 100% power



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Water temperature & Energy transferred to water



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5. Pollutant emissions



Experimental setup and results

Boiler test bench

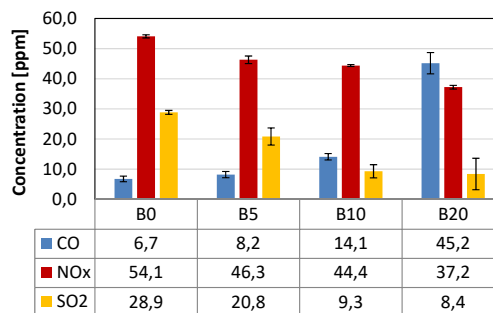


Gas analyzer display



Probe

Pollutant emissions



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6. Conclusions



- Butanol – heating fuel blends up to 20 % v/v can be used in commercial burners and boilers
- No significant effects on injection spray shape and flame structure with butanol blends up to 20 % v/v
- Better boiler efficiency with 10 % v/v blend
- The increase in butanol % affect the pollutant emission concentrations in the exhaust gases:
 - NO_x decreases
 - CO increases
- Future
 - More deep analysis of results
 - Simulation model of burner flame
 - Burner components duration

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